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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR DOE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER FROM MINISTER OF
ENERGY AND MINES HERNANDEZ

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER, DATED JULY 13, ADDRESSED TO DOE
SECRETARY SCHLESINGER FROM VENEZUELAN MINISTER OF ENERGY AND
MINES VALENTIN HERNANDEZ ACOSTA. EMBASSY WILL POUCH ORIGINAL
OF LETTER. BELOW FIND TEXT OF TRANSLATION PROVIDED BY MINISTRY
OF ENERGY AND MINES.

2.BEGIN TEXT:

THE HONORABLE
JAMES R. SCHLESINGER
SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
WASHINGTON D.C.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

THANKY YOU FOR YOUR MAY 2 LETTER. I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT WE HAD
A GOOD DISCUSSION OF OUR RESPECTIVE ENERGY SITUATIONS AT OUR MARCH
MEETING AND I ALSO HOPEFUL THAT THE CONTACTS FOR COOPERATION THAT
WE ESTABLISHED ON THAT OCCASION WILL PROVE FRUITFUL.

I FELT VERY GRATIFIED THAT PRESIDENTS CARTER AND PEREZ ALSO
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FOUND OUR MEETING USEFUL AND IN THEIR JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE OF
LAST APRIL CONFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION AND CONTINUED
CONSULTATION BETWEEN OUR TWO DEPARTMENTS.

IN THIS REGARD, THE VISIT HERE OF YOUR DEPARTMENT'S ENHANCED
RECOVERY TEAM SHOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN PINPOINTING THE AREAS
OF EFFECTIVE COOPERATION. WE TRIED TO ACQUAINT THEM AS FULLY AS

POSSIBLE WITH OUR WORK IN THIS FIELD, AND SHOWED THEM OUR PRINCIPAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING A VISIT TO THE ORINOCO OIL BELT. IN TURN, THE TWO PEOPLE WE SENT UP TO THE STATES TO ACQUAINT THEM WITH THE APPLICATION OF SYSTEM ANALYSIS TO ENERGY PLANNING WERE VERY SATISFIED WITH THEIR VISIT.

MY SPECIAL ASSISTANT, MR. GURFINKEL, HAS INFORMED ME THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERGHOLD MAY WISH TO VISIT US IN THE FALL. HE WILL VE VERY WELCOME. HE AND I COULD DISCUSS ON THAT OCCASION THE NEXT STEPS ON OUR EVOLVING PROGRAM OF COOPERATION.

SINCERELY YOURS,
VALENTIN HERNANDEZ ACOSTA
MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINES

END TEXT
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